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"Woodside Place" is a rural Missouri example of the Second Empire Style constructed ca. 1871. The architect is unknown. The house faces east. The owners are presently repairing and restoring the house to its original 1871 condition.

EXTERIOR

The house has a half-exposed basement, two stories plus mansard story in the main block, two stories in the rear servant's quarters, and a one story kitchen with a grain and fruit drying attic accessible by two, small, single pane windows on the north and on the south ends. Measurements, inclusive of the porches, are approximately 99 feet east-west and 54 feet north-south. The <u>foundation</u> is constructed of squared limestone blocks.

The exterior walls are frame, sheathed in clapboarding painted white. A bracketed, wood cornice tops the second story walls.

There is a mansard <u>roof</u> throughout except over the west end. The mansard is covered with gray-green hexagonal slates. On either side of the dormers are rosette patterns with red slate centers. The flat roof is terne metal.

There are five brick chimneys: two on the north side, one on the south side, and two on the west side. The chimneys have some ornamentation in the form of brick moulding courses and panels.

The house has four porches. The largest is the front porch which extends across two-thirds of the east side of the house and then along half of the south side. There are entrances to the house from both of these sides. There is a back porch off the south side of the kitchen and another off the north side of the kitchen. There is also a second story porch in the center of the east side just above the main entrance to the house.

All the porches are roofed. The front porch has a projecting cornice with occasional bracketing. The balustrade is cut wood rather than balusters. The second story front porch is supported by slender posts, grouped in threes, with non-classic capitals. The balustrade is, again, very ornate cut wood. The openings form an arcade. The cornice is dentil bracketed.

The front door is centered on the east facade. It is a walnut, double door with transom. It is approached by nine steps which lead onto the front porch. Another door is on the south side of the house again off the porch. There are also doors off the three other porches, including the second story porch. The second story door is a single door. All the doorways have wooden lintels.

The windows in the first and second stories are tall and double-hung with two panes of glass in each sash. The lintels and sills are of wood. The second story windows are segmental-arched, framed by ornamented lintels and surrounds.

There are two semi-octagonal bay windows on the first story. One is on the east facade, north side, and the other is on the south side. They are decorated with slender pilasters, cut wood ornamentation in the lintels, and bracketed cornices.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Woodside Place," originally the summer home of the John H. Garth family, is a significant example of the Second Empire style in residential architecture in rural Missouri. It was built in about 1871 by John H. Garth, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Missouri, who dealt in lumber among other various enterprises. The house was and still is a show-place and demonstration of the attractiveness of woodframe execution of this style of architecture. Samuel Clemens, a friend of the Garths, visited there. It is now restored to an approximation of its 1870s appearance and is open to the public as a historic house museum.

Original and subsequent owners

Colonel John H. Garth was born in Virginia on March 10, 1837. He moved with his parents to Hannibal, Missouri, in the early 1840s. From 1851-1854 he attended the University of Missouri at Columbia. Afterwards he raised cattle and engaged in the tobacco business with his brother in Hannibal in the firm D. J. Garth and Company. In 1860 he married Helen Kerchival of Hannibal. They had two children, John David Garth and Anna H., who married Robert Goodlett of Kansas City.

In 1863 the Garth family moved to New York where Garth worked in manufacturing, banking and brokerage. When they returned to Hannibal in 1871, he was one of the incorporators of the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank, and was made vice-president and in 1880 was elected president of the bank.²

In 1870 he purchased 640 acres of land in Section 12, Township 56 North, Range 5 West, south of Hannibal and erected the country residence there for summer use. There he "[entertained] in princely style..." The family maintained a winter house in town (still extant) located on South Fifth Street. He was president of the Hannibal Lime Company, the Missouri Guarantee, the Savings and Building Association of Hannibal and the Garth Lumber Compnay of Delta County, Michigan. 5

In his memoirs Samuel Clemens (whose pseudonym was Mark Twain) recalled his friendship with the Garths:

Speaking of companions of the long ago, after fifty years they become only shadows and might as well be in the grave. Only those whom one has really loved mean anything at all. Of my playmates I recall John Briggs, John Garth, and Laura Hawkins--just those three; the rest I buried long ago, and memory cannot even find their graves.

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The mansard story is broken by segmental-arch headed dormers which are flanked by wooden volutes.

The mansard has a projecting tower on the center of the east facade. At the mansard level, the tower has two round-headed double-hung windows. There is a large cornice with mixed bracketing. This tower has a mansard, slate roof, with dormers, and, at the top, an iron cresting.

INTERIOR

There are five rooms in the <u>basement</u> divided by limestone walls. The floors are dirt and occasionally concrete.

One enters through the front door into a spacious central hall. Straight ahead is the main staircase. To the right, on the north side, are a formal parlor and, to the rear of it, the dining room. These are connected by sliding, walnut doors. To the left, on the south side, is the library. Behind the library is another hallway. On the north side is the back parlor. Behind this room is a private office. Kitchen, pantry, and servant's room are located behind the dining room.

There are four bedrooms off the central hall on the <u>second floor</u>, two on the north and two on the south. Between the south side bedrooms is an original bathing room. Connecting the two other bedrooms is a closet.

Off the central hall on the third floor is a ballroom, on the north side, and two bedrooms on the south side.

To the rear of the main rooms of the house are the <u>servants' quarters</u>. Doors giving access to this area are located behind the main staircase on the first floor and on the staircase landing, just before the second floor. On the first floor are a hall and one large room. On the second floor are a hallway, bath, and two other rooms. The walls of these rooms are covered with oak tongue and groove wainscoting.

The main <u>staircase</u> is one of the most significant features of the house. It is a wall-supported ("flying") staircase, made of walnut. It winds up all three stories. Up the stairs toward the first landing is a niche designed for a piece of sculpture.

The back staircase is not as elaborate as the main one. The balustrade is similar and is made of walnut.

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The <u>floors</u> on the first floor are also walnut and cherry. The first floor is surfaced with narrow boards, called "wood carpet." The pine floor boards on the second and third floors are wider.

All the <u>doors</u> and their moulding throughout the house are painted walnut. Each door has <u>four</u> recessed panels. There are double doors leading from the central hall into the front parlor, library, and dining room. Sliding doors separate the front parlor and dining room from each other.

Large plaster cornices occur throughout the front section. There are ceiling medallions in the major rooms and in one bedroom.

The original Victorian <u>furnishings</u> remain in the house, including a round, pedestal walnut dining room table which extends to seat 24. These are all in excellent condition.

<u>Walls</u> and <u>ceilings</u> are made of calcium plaster. There are new wallpapers approximating the design of the original papers. The ceilings are about 14 feet high.

The house has eight fireplaces (seven are marble) that were used to heat the house. In the dining room and library are rose carrara marble mantels with incised and gilt designs including a basket of fruit, a string of fish, a brace of birds, and a Trojan warrior. In the front parlor, the marble is gray and white with a lion's head carved on its mantel. Three bedrooms on the second floor have gray and white marble fireplaces and the fourth is slate blue marble with an incised and gilt basket of flowers design. The only non-marble fireplace is of white tile and brick, in the back parlor. There are no fireplaces in the mansard story.

Previous owners installed steam (gas) heat and the owners now are installing central air conditioning and forced air heating to better control temperature and humidity levels.

Originally the house had oil \underline{lamps} , of which some still survive. Later it was converted to gas and then to electricity. Two of the chandeliers are replacements that correspond to 1871.

RESTORATION

The six couples who now own the house are very conscientious about restoring the house. On the exterior, only minor repairs were necessary as for example

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on some woodwork on the front porch and perhaps around the windows. The exterior walls were repainted white. Portions of the back porch were rebuilt. The shutters have been taken down and are being repainted and repaired. All of these repairs, though, will not change the house architecturally.

On the interior, the servants' quarters have been redecorated to house a permanent caretaker and his wife. This is the only area that will not be furnished as a Victorian home.

The staircase was separating from the wall, so it was put back into place and braced. The kitchen is being restored to its original form. The walls all over have been papered with wallpaper similar to that which would have been put up in the 1870s. Floors were cleaned and waxed and extensive cleaning was done throughout. Alterations that were done by previous owners were 1) the conversion of the original oil lamps to electricity, 2) the removal of two chimney tops, and 3) the enlarging of the front porch in the southeast corner, done by the Garths.

Most of the house is now restored and open to the public as a museum.

CONDITION

The house is in very good condition. No rebuilding is necessary on the interior and only minor repairs are needed on the exterior decoration.

The house is situated south of Hannibal on New London Gravel Road, in Oakwood, a "suburb" of Hannibal. The house sits upon a hill surrounded by trees and shrubs, many of which John Garth planted himself. One approaches the house by crossing over a creek and following a winding gravel road leading up to the house.

Outbuildings include a large barn and an icehouse. In the barn are huge rafters, one with the carved inscription, "D. J. Garth & Co. Hannibal, Mo." and the other inscribed "Euclair Lumber Boards." This lumber has holes in it revealing that it was tied together into rafts in Wisconsin and floated down the river to Hannibal.

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In 1882 Samuel Clemens made a trip up the Mississippi River in the boat, "Baton Rouge." He spent three days in Hannibal and visited the Garths. Of this visit he told his biographer: "I spent my nights with John and Helen Garth three miles from town..."

A well-known and much loved man, Garth died on October 24, 1899. His wife and daughter gave in his memory the John H. Garth Memorial Library Building (The Hannibal Free Public Library), located on South Fifth Street in Hannibal, across the street from their winter home. Mrs. Garth also donated, in his memory, a set of chimes to the Trinity Episcopal Church, Hannibal.

In 1911 Mrs. Garth sold the country house to Mr. and Mrs. Odon S. Rogers. In 1941 it was granted to Anna M. Woolcock. In 1951 the Kilby family acquired it and their daughter, Mrs. Edna Louise Carroll, inherited it in 1952.

The Carroll family lived in the servant's quarters and periodically opened the house for tours. The house was preserved with furnishings intact through this period of ownership, but it was beginning to need major repairs and renovation. In 1975 a group of six Hannibal couples, the Garth-Woodside Incorporation, purchased the property and has made an excellent restoration of the house.

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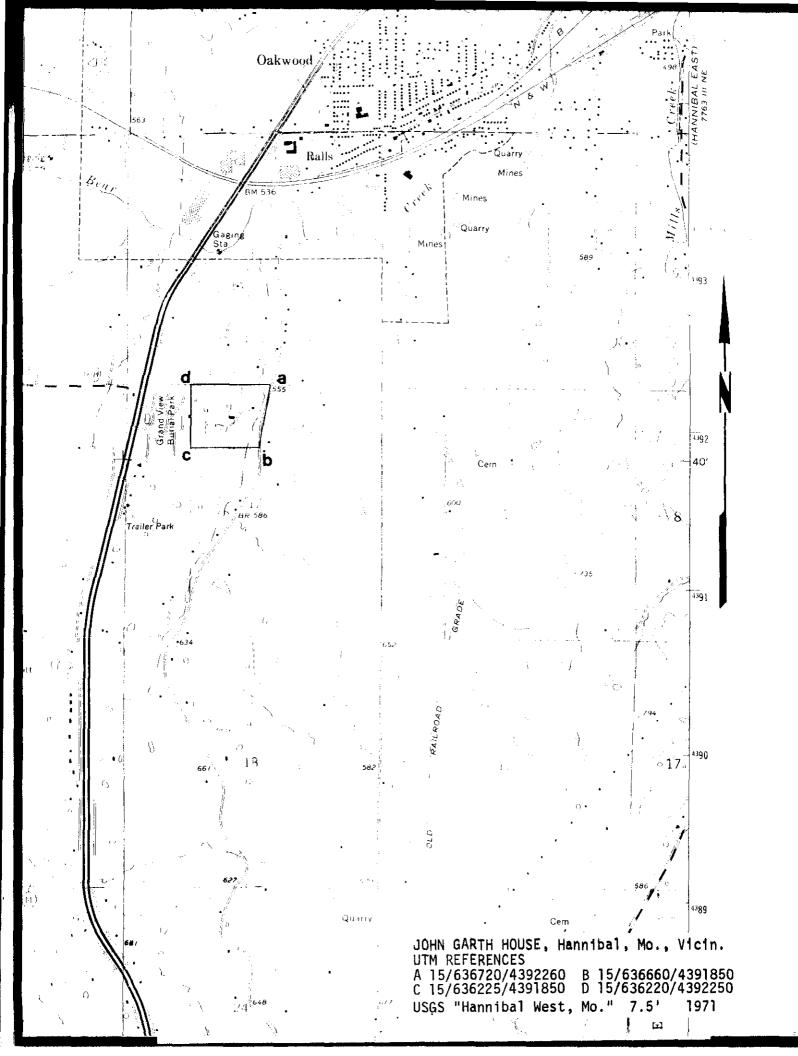
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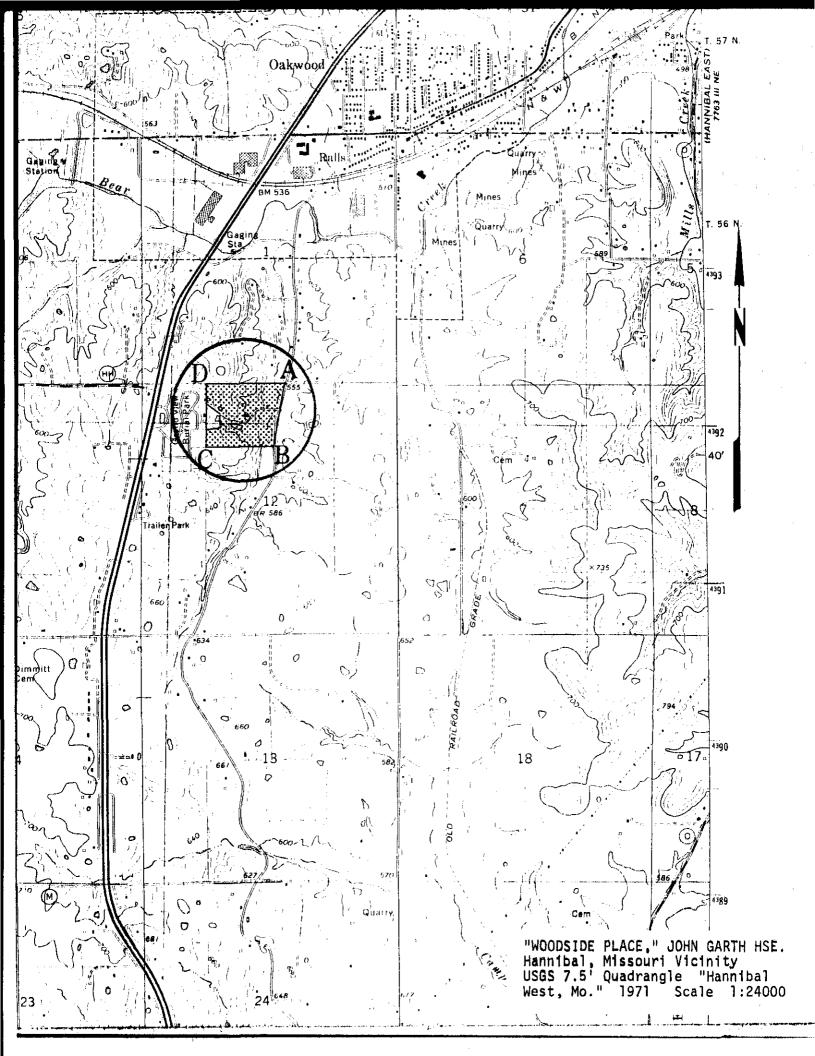
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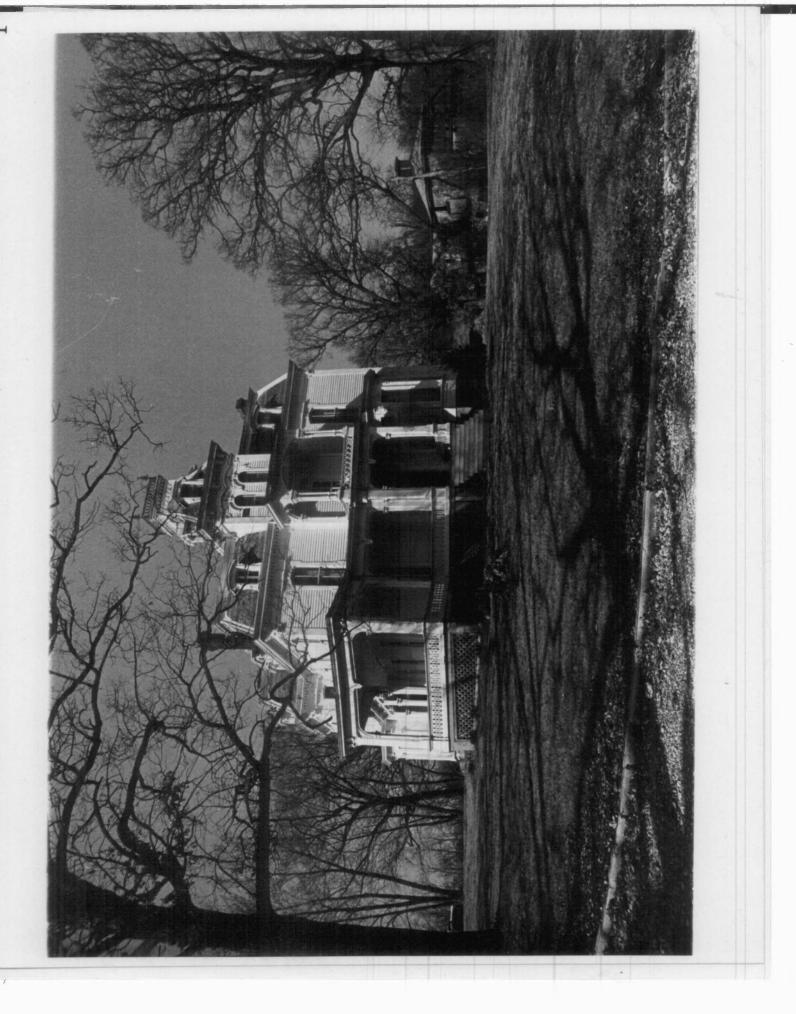
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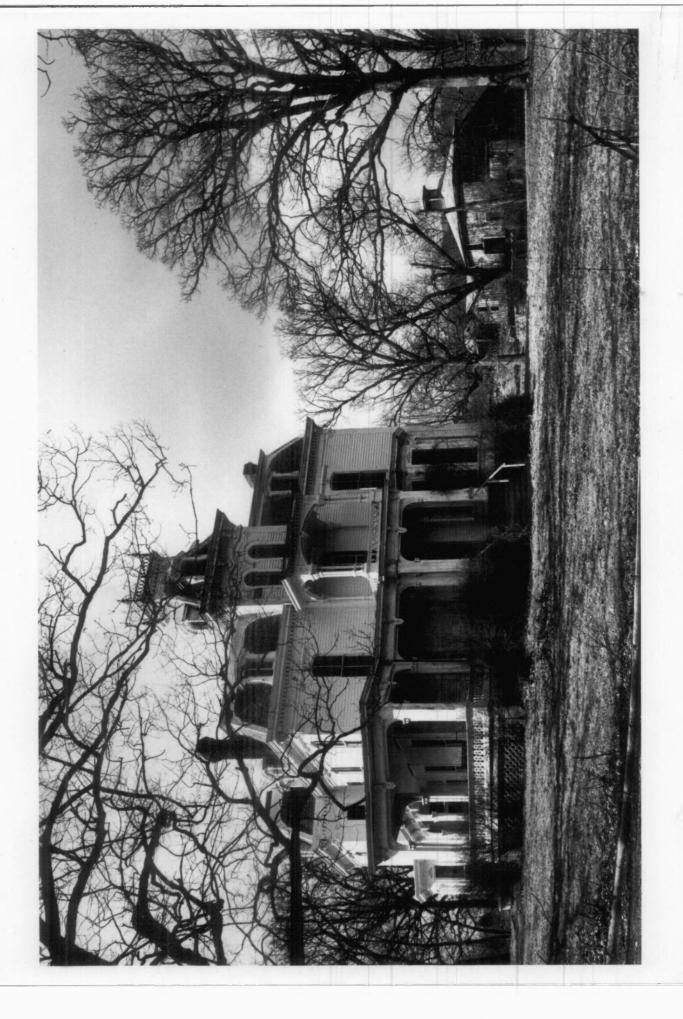
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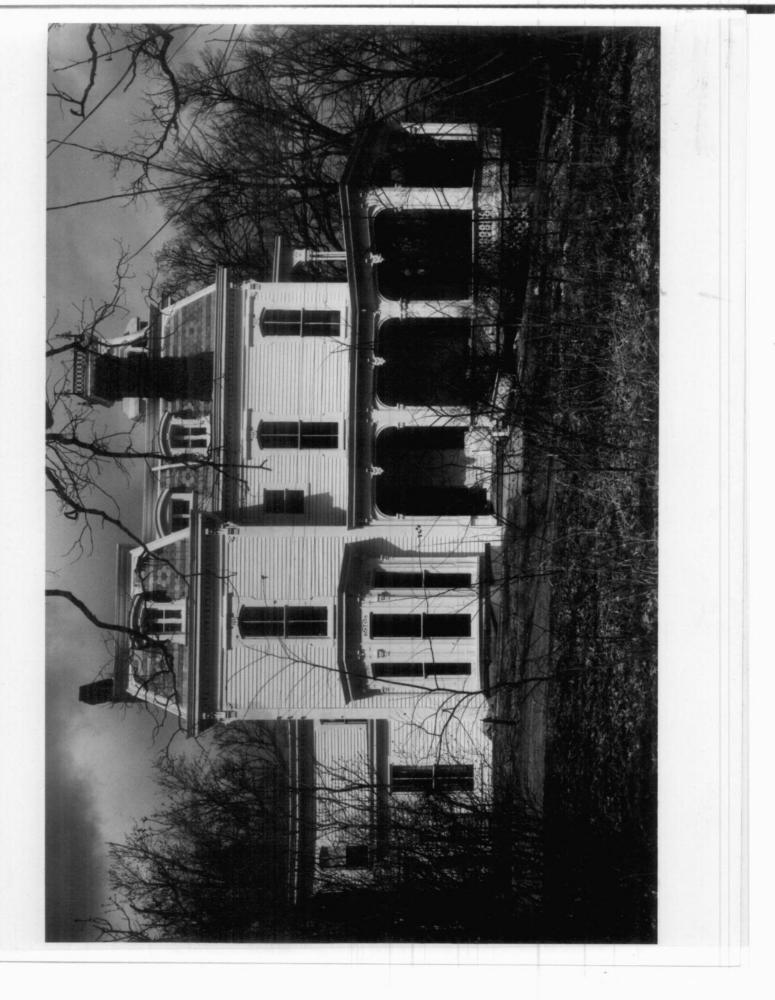
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View of suth side of house with primer coat of paint on it. Far left (two story part of house) is servant's quarters. Shows three of the five chimneys.



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Photograph taken from old photograph. Compare present statusof house with what it used to be.



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Interior view taken from 2nd floor looking up to 3rd floor. Shows Balustrade and Stringer:



Garth Mansion, Hannibal vicinity, Ralls County

East side

September, 1971 mph

